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SUBJECT: CALMING OF INTRA-ANDEAN TENSIONS

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1. IN PARAGRAPH 5 REFTEL REPORTING PRESIDENT BANZER'S MAY 16 CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN, "PRESIDENT BANZER SAID THAT THERE IS AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR THE US TO PLAY IN SEEKING TO PREVENT WAR BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU. HE SAID THE US SHOULD QUIETLY AND DIPLOMATICALLY WORK IN BOTH LIMA AND SANTIAGO TO CALM TENSIONS AND REDUCE POSSIBLE TRENDS TO CONFLICT."

2. ON MAY 25 WE ADVISED BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR CRESPO IN GENERAL TERMS OF OUR RECENT DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHES HERE
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IN WASHINGTON TO THE EMBASSIES OF BOTH CHILE AND PERU. WE EXPLAINED THAT APPROACHES EMPLOYED WERE HIGHLY CONSONANT WITH TERMS OF PRESIDENT BANZER'S SUGGESTION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN. AMBASSADOR CRESPO, WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT AT MAY 16 CONVERSATION, AGREED THAT THIS SEEMED MOST HELPFUL AND SAID HE WOULD PROMPTLY REPORT IT

TO PRESIDENT BANZER.

3. WE TOOK THE OCCASION ALSO TO EXPRESS OUR CONTINUING

AND STRONG INTEREST IN WHATEVER COULD BE DONE TO EXPEDITE
RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM OF AMERICAN CITIZEN PRISONERS IN
BOLIVIA. VANCE

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